

## United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

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### Number of Judgeships: 12

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Comanche, Concho, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hood, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Menard, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Motley, Navarro, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Reagan, Roberts, Rockwall, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, Yoakum and Young

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### Chambers of Chief Judge A. Joe Fish

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#### A. Joe Fish Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Yale 1965 BA, 1968 LLB  
Began Service: March 11, 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 95th Judicial District (1980-1981);  
Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fifth District (1981-1983)

**Legal Practice:** McKenzie & Baer (1968-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1968-1974)

### Chambers of Chief Judge A. Joe Fish *continued*

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Dallas Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

#### Staff

Law Clerk **Aimee Blanchard** ..... (214) 753-2310  
Education: Columbia 2005 JD  
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Education: Southern Methodist 1996 JD  
Law Clerk **Craig Stokley** ..... (214) 753-2310  
Education: Georgetown 2005 JD  
Court Deputy [Criminal Cases Only] **Susan Hudson** ..... (214) 753-2315  
Education: Southern Methodist 1985 BA, 1985 BS  
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### Chambers of District Judge Mary Lou Robinson

226 Federal Building, 205 East Fifth Avenue, #F13248,  
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Tel: (806) 324-2354

#### Mary Lou Robinson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1926  
Education: Texas 1948 BA, 1950 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Judicial:** Judge, Potter County Court (1955-1959); Judge, Texas District Court, 108th District, Potter County (1960-1973); Justice, Texas Court of Civil Appeals, Seventh Supreme Judicial District (1973-1977); Chief Justice, Texas Court of Civil Appeals, Seventh Supreme Judicial District (1977-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Robinson & Robinson (1950-1955)

**Current Memberships:** Amarillo Bar Association; American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Association

#### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Charles A. Freas** ..... (806) 324-2354  
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Education: Southern Methodist 2005 JD  
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### Chambers of District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater

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Tel: (214) 753-2333

#### Sidney A. Fitzwater

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Baylor 1975 BA, 1976 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 298th Judicial District, Dallas County (1982-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Vinson & Elkins (1976-1978); Associate, Rain Harrell Emery Young & Dole (1978-1982)

**Current Memberships:** Dallas Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

#### Staff

Law Clerk **Marc Hearron** ..... (214) 753-2333  
Education: Southern Methodist 2005 JD

### Chambers of District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater *continued*

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Education: Virginia 2004 JD  
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### Chambers of District Judge Sam R. Cummings

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Tel: (806) 472-7459

#### Sam R. Cummings

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Texas Tech 1967 BBA; Baylor 1970 JD  
Began Service: December 11, 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Culton, Morgan, Britain & White (1970-1987)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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### Chambers of District Judge John H. McBryde

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#### John H. McBryde

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Texas Christian 1953 BS; Texas 1956 LLB  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Cantney & Hanger (1956-1969);  
Partner, McBryde & Bennet (1969-1990)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

#### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Kathleen Galloway** ..... (817) 850-6653  
Education: Texas 1992 JD  
Law Clerk **John L. Turner** ..... (817) 850-6652  
Education: Georgetown 2005 JD  
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### Chambers of District Judge Jorge A. Solis

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#### Jorge A. Solis

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: McMurry 1973 BA; Texas 1976 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant Criminal District Attorney, State of Texas (1976-1981); Criminal District Attorney, County of Taylor, Texas (1983-1987); Special Prosecutor, West Central Narcotics Task Force (1988)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 350th Judicial District (1989-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Moore and Holloway (1981-1982); Sole Practitioner (1988)

#### Staff

Law Clerk **Judson J. Davis** ..... (214) 753-2343  
Education: Southern Methodist 2005 JD  
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Education: Notre Dame 2005 JD  
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Court Reporter **Shawn McRoberts** ..... (214) 753-2349  
Judicial Assistant **Beverly Church** ..... (214) 753-2351

### Chambers of District Judge Terry R. Means

201 U.S. Courthouse, 501 West Tenth Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-3640  
Tel: (817) 850-6670 Fax: (817) 850-6677

#### Terry R. Means

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Southern Methodist 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: November 5, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, 10th Appellate District (1989-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Means & Means (1975-1989); Smith, Ralston, Russell & Wright

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court; State Bar of Texas; Tarrant County Bar Association; Waco-McLennan County Bar Association

#### Staff

Career Law Clerk [Part-time] **Cheryl Raper** ..... (817) 850-6670  
Education: Southern Methodist 1990 JD  
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Education: Tulane 2004 JD  
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Education: South Texas 1992 JD  
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